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Dear President Hines and Speaker Salter,

As this legislative session draws to a close, the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency would like to thank you and your members for their efforts toward providing our citizens with safe, decent and affordable housing. While a few members raised concerns regarding the placement of affordable housing within their jurisdictions, we are confident such concerns can be assuaged through dialogue and better understanding of both the community needs and the state's federal obligation to satisfy those needs. We look forward to working with each jurisdiction to bridge what we firmly believe are our mutual objectives.

The Legislature's work affirms that there are certain unalienable rights we as Americans hold most prized, most precious. They are the rights founded by our forefathers, upheld by our grandparents, advanced by our parents and which we have an obligation to protect. They are the four pillars upon which the hopes and dreams of every citizen rest. Such are our Constitutional rights, Bill of Rights, Civil Rights and right to Fair Housing.

These are the rights which led us out of oppression and into the expectation of the 21st Century. These are the rights that allow us to participate in a free democracy, assure us that every voice is heard and by which we are permitted to avail ourselves of the social, educational and economic fruits of this great society. These are rights that cannot be politicized, cannot be eroded, sold or bartered away.

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We must be wary of any actions that penetrate our rights, disburse them, compromise them, twist them or dilute them, as our basic human rights set us above and apart from repressive regimes.

We are each guardians of our rights and must protect them and uphold them. I applaud your efforts and appreciate your vigilance in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milton J. Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "M" and "B".

Milton J. Bailey, President
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Cc: Distinguished Members of the House and Senate